

13 August 1965

Lieutenant General William W. Dick, Jr.
Chief of Research and Development
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

This will acknowledge receipt of Harold Brown's letter of 26 July to Admiral Raborn and will confirm our telephone conversation of this morning.

We feel that the establishment of a new office for the specific purpose of planning and coordinating behavioral and social science research concerned with counterinsurgency and military operations in the developing nations is a great step forward. I am sure that the Agency will wish to participate.

I appreciate your willingness to discuss the matter further with Messrs. [redacted] I am sure this will be helpful in determining how we can make a contribution to your effort.

Sincerely,

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/s/ L. K. White

L. K. White
Executive Director

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Lt. General William W. Dick, Jr.
Chief of Research and Development
Department of the Army
Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Dick:

Please convey Admiral Raborn's appreciation to Mr. Harold Brown for his letter of 26 July which outlines the plans you have for the formation of a Defense Department behavioral and social science research office concerned with counterinsurgency. The importance of this effort can hardly be exaggerated and I am certain that a great deal of the research in which you plan to engage will be of unique value to CIA.

The magnitude of your research plans and the broad scope of the fields to be covered require that we do some rather thorough staffing in CIA before considering assigning a representative to your office. There is no one place in CIA where research in all of the fields you mention is done. I believe it would help us greatly if I could send one of our senior officers fully acquainted with CIA's counterinsurgency programs to discuss with you more fully your programs and projected studies and to validate the need for and to determine the qualifications of a resident Agency representative who might best fit into your office.

Please let me hear from you at your convenience as to whether discussions with you are desirable and when such discussion might take place.

Yours sincerely,

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DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

26 JUL 1965

Honorable William F. Raborn
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dear Admiral ~~Raborn~~:

At my request the Department of the Army is establishing a new office, under the Chief of Research and Development, for the specific purpose of planning and coordinating Defense Department behavioral and social science research concerned with counterinsurgency and military operations in the developing nations. The activities of this office will also include coordination with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) for projects whose conduct may affect the relations of the United States with foreign governments.

The creation of this office reflects the increasing emphasis being placed in the defense establishment on the social and cultural problems which are so frequently related to military objectives of the many facets of the cold war throughout the world. The new office will be staffed by and will serve jointly all of the Military Departments.

It is apparent that the nonmateriel research supporting military operations in foreign areas during the past several years has often been closely related to and associated with the larger overall objectives and specific missions of the country team in various countries. To obtain maximum utility from the research being sponsored by the Defense Department in these areas it appears not only necessary but highly advantageous to all concerned that the research be planned and executed with the cooperation of the State Department, AID, USIA, and the CIA. I feel certain that in many instances with very little modification of the research objectives there can be valuable pay-offs and end-products directly useable by your agency.

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The purpose of this letter is to ask you to designate a representative of your agency to work in residence with the staff of the new Army office, to help plan and facilitate research responsive to our common problems in the vital overseas internal defense area, and to help support the concept of the country team and the ambassador in overseas internal defense operations. The individual designated should be qualified to participate in research planning and to assist your agency in making practical use of the research results.

The research program we contemplate under Army leadership is intended to support all aspects of Defense Department internal defense operational responsibilities. It will therefore include research on U.S. military personnel and U.S. aspects of overseas internal defense programs, as well as much foreign-area oriented work, some of which will be done overseas. We are cognizant of the excellent progress the Foreign Area Research Coordinating Group has made under State Department leadership in coordinating research on foreign areas, and we hope that FAR will be able to assist in coordinating the foreign area aspects of this new endeavor.

The Assistant Secretary of the Army (R&D) has indicated that the new office will be in the Washington area and established as an element of the Office of the Chief, Research and Development. I suggest that your staff communicate directly with Lieutenant General William W. Dick, Chief of Research and Development, Department of the Army, concerning any further details about the operation of the new research facility.

We would be very pleased if you would give this proposal favorable consideration. I feel confident that participation in this new research activity will appreciably enhance the responsiveness of behavioral and social science research to government-wide requirements.

Harold Brown
Harold Brown

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for my signature--to General Dick. Feel sure DCI would want us to participate and assume you are the right Directorate. If you agree, please proceed as indicated.

s/ LKW

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